

4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the mammal is an adult mammal.

aa² 7. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the agent is administered to the mammal in combination with a second anti-hypertensive agent.

aa³ 10. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the effective concentration of the growth hormone, an analog thereof or a functionally equivalent ligand is increased through administration of an agent which either stimulates production of growth hormone or which lessens or prevents inhibition of growth hormone activity.

11. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the effective concentration of growth hormone is increased through direct administration of growth hormone.

NE 15. (Amended) The use as claimed in claim 13 wherein the medicament is for treating an adult human.

16. (Amended) The use as claimed in claim 13 wherein the agent is growth hormone.

17. (Amended) The use as claimed in claim 13 wherein the medicament is for administration in combination with a second anti-hypertensive agent.

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